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To the members of the State Boundary Commission:

I'm writing this letter in support of the Three Rivers Sports Complex, the proposed location, and the annexation of the property from the Township of Lockport to the City of Three Rivers.

I have served as a member of the Three Rivers School board for over 20 years and I have witnessed the benefit youth sports facilities provide a community and their children. My husband and I have raised three children in Three Rivers and from a very early age they were involved in travel soccer. We attended games at a variety of complexes across southwest lower Michigan and our children benefitted greatly from that opportunity. An opportunity that was only possible because others had invested in sports complexes so children from all over could participate in these events.

All of the facilities we visited were well maintained as were the areas supporting the fields. They were designed, as I understand is the proposal for the Three Rivers Sports Complex, to enrich the surrounding areas and to minimize any negative impact that additional noise and traffic may cause. Many of these complexes were located in areas very similar to ours, including being built in close proximity to residential housing, businesses and churches.

While my husband and I do not live within the city limits, I work in the city and we have an offer in to buy a house located on N. Main Street, just a few blocks from the proposed complex. We do not share the concern some have expressed over the location of the sports complex, on the contrary we believe it is a much better use of the land than what other potential developments might provide. We also realize this facility, at some point, may require a financial contribution by taxpayers but we are hopeful that the positive impact it will provide our community will bring more young families to our area to live, thus spreading potential future costs across more homes.

The sports complex, much like the Three Rivers trail system which just received its grant to extend to the west, is one more piece in what we see as a very positive change for our community. We want to be a community that provides outdoor enrichment opportunities for our families and the approval by your commission would allow us to take that next step.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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